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**Art Unit 3681**

**Attn: Mail Stop Amendment**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/805,561; Filed: March 22, 2004  
For: **Hydraulic Transmission Vehicle**  
Inventors: ISHIBASHI *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0666.2240000/TGD/AFK

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

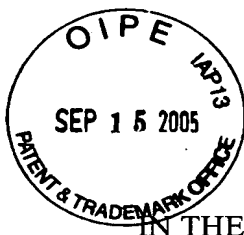
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 15, 2005, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.